



# **STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD**

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**



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**For Meeting Date: February 14, 2007**

### **Agenda Item No. 9: Report on County of Sacramento SMARA Program.**

**INTRODUCTION:** The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB), based on reports previously provided by the Executive Officer, endorsed the concept of inviting lead agencies to make informal presentations summarizing the overall status of their program pursuant to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), and their efforts and experiences, at SMGB meetings as geography and schedule permitted. With the SMGB's Regular Business Meeting being held in Sacramento, the County of Sacramento accepted an invitation to provide a synopsis of their SMARA program and current issues related to this program.

**BACKGROUND:** An overview of certain program elements of SMARA was presented at the Minerals and Geologic Resources Committee meeting held on September 14, 2006. The Committee was provided a review and status of the State's mineral resources management program and its components. During the Regular Business Meeting of the SMGB held on January 11, 2007, a preliminary report on the review of overall SMARA lead agency performance was provided. At its Regular Business Meeting held on May 10, 2007, a presentation was provided on the Classification and Designation Program. Two of these presentations have been published on the SMGB's website as Information Reports. Information Report 2007-01 is titled "*Report on SMARA Lead Agency Performance*". Information Report 2007-03 is titled "*A Review of the State's Mineral Resources Management Program and its Components -Status and Effectiveness of Review Efforts*". An Information Report summarizing the State's Classification and Designation Program is in progress. The SMGB has previously heard from other lead agencies, most recently, Riverside County, San Bernardino County and Santa Clara County.

Sacramento County (County) is one of the larger mining counties in California. In review of the Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) SMARA database, it currently produces sand and gravel, clay, fill material, silver and placer gold. The County has about 47 mines within its jurisdiction, of which 25 are currently active, 12 closed with no intent to resume mining, five certified closed, and 4 noted as idle. Sacramento County as a lead agency appears to be conducting mine inspections at least once each calendar year, and performing annual reviews of financial assurances, in a responsible and timely manner.



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**SMARA MINERAL LAND CLASSIFICATION REPORTS PRODUCED:** The California Geological Survey (CGS) has previously identified and mapped mineral resources in Sacramento County. A listing of the pertinent post-SMARA CGS reports is as follows:

Special Report 121, Sand and Gravel Resources of the Sacramento Area, California 1975, by Rapp, J.E.

Special Report 156, Mineral Land Classification of Portland Cement Concrete-Grade Aggregate in the Sacramento-Fairfield Production-Consumption Region (Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo Counties), California 1988, by Dupras, D.L., Lloyd, J., Kohler, S.L., and Lowry, P.A.

Open File Report 99-09 Mineral land classification: Portland cement concrete-grade aggregate and Kaolin Clay Resources in Sacramento County, California 1999, by Dupras, D.L.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:** The information report being provided by Sacramento County is for the SMGB's general information, and the Executive Officer makes no recommendations at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

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